

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 through 47 (Canceled)

48. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

detecting a user in the vicinity of a television;
sending a presence indicator signal from a presence detector to a computer;

determining, by the computer, that two or more conflicting actions are to be taken
based on the presence indicator signal and a source of the presence indicator signal;

retrieving a conflict resolution rule to determine which of the two or more
conflicting actions predominates; and

sending a predominate action to the television.

49. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 48, further comprising changing a
channel associated with the television.

50. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 48, further comprising changing a
volume associated with the television.

51. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 48, further comprising retrieving
weather and traffic information.

52. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 48, further comprising selecting a
predominate user associated with at least one of the conflicting actions.

53. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 48, further comprising powering
the television.

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- 58. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a processor executing instructions stored in memory that cause the processor to:

detect multiple users in the vicinity of a television;

send multiple presence indicator signals from a presence detector to a computer,
with each presence indicator signal identifying a user's identity;

determine that two or more conflicting actions to be taken based on each user's
identity and on a source of each presence indicator signal;

retrieve a conflict resolution rule that specifies which user's identity predominates
over other users' identities;

select a predominate action associated with a a ~~[[the]]~~ predominate user's identity;
and

send the predominate action to the television.

- 59. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 58, wherein the instructions further cause the processor to change a channel associated with the television.
- 60. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 58, wherein the instructions further cause the processor to change a volume associated with the television.
- 61. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 58, wherein the instructions further cause the processor to query to determine which of the conflicting actions are to be taken.
- 62. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim ~~[[8]]~~ 61, wherein the instructions

further cause the processor to receive a response to the query.

63. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 58, wherein the instructions further cause the processor to set a timer.

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68. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing processor executable instructions for performing a method, the method comprising:

detecting multiple users in the vicinity of a television;

sending multiple presence indicator signals from a presence detector to a computer, with each presence indicator signal identifying a user's identity;

determining two or more conflicting actions are to be taken based on each user's identity and on a source of each presence indicator signal;

determining which of the two or more conflicting actions was first triggered;

~~retrieving a conflict resolution rule that specifies which user's identity predominates over other users' identities;~~

selecting a first triggered action as a predominate action to resolve the two or more conflicting actions associated with the predominate user's identity; and

sending the predominate action to the television.

69. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media according to claim 68, further comprising instructions for changing a channel associated with the television.

70. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media according to claim 68, further comprising instructions for changing a volume associated with the television.

- 71. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media according to claim 69, further comprising instructions for querying to determine which of the conflicting actions are to be taken.
- 72. (Currently Amended) The computer readable media according to claim 71, further comprising instructions for receiving a response to the query ~~denying access to the computer when an aggregate amount of access is exceeded.~~
- 73. (Previously Presented) The computer readable media according to claim 68, further comprising instructions for powering a stereo.
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